

100 Day Newsletter



Dear District #2 Neighbors:

As I complete my first 100 days in office, I am honored to share with you some of the accomplishments for District #2 and our Fresno community made as your representative on the City Council. During the campaign, you, the residents of District #2, helped me develop the **“P.R.E.P.”** platform that guides my service on City Council; that is – finding fiscally sound solutions to enhance our **P**ublic Safety, providing **R**esponsive Representation, improving our **E**conomic Security & Job Development, and **P**lanning for Tomorrow, Today. Since being inaugurated in January, I have focused on building productive relationships with City colleagues and the initiation of sound policies that uphold the platform I was elected to carry out. Here is a brief report on those efforts.

Public Safety

Office of Independent Review: I was pleased to work closely with the Mayor, Police Chief, Council, and other stakeholders to establish a fiscally prudent and agreeable model of independent review that provides policymakers and the general public with an analysis of internal affairs investigations by a neutral party in ways that protect and improve satisfaction among both residents and officers; including, among others, measures to protect confidentiality and investigation rights, definitive budget and personnel ceilings, benchmarks for evaluating effectiveness, a four year sunset provision, and a mid-term evaluation.

Safe Routes to School: I am also pleased to report that multiple grants have been secured and are being implemented in the community of Pinedale to provide sidewalks and street crossings for children walking to and from school. Public safety for our children will always be a “must” priority of my office.

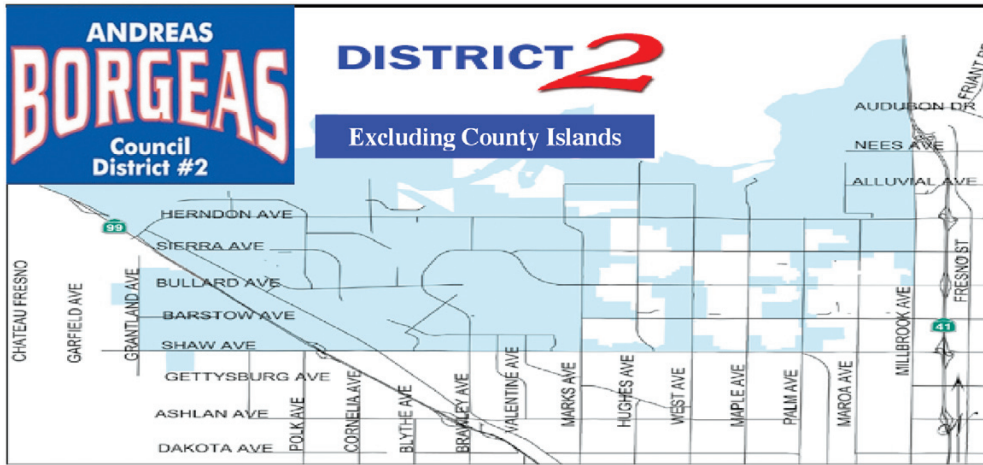
Responsive Representation

Transparency Measures: I have worked to increase government transparency and opportunities for public involvement in the civic process by: 1) moving our Council meetings from Tuesday to Thursday, allowing more time for community based input on calendared items, 2) establishing an open door policy for constituent meetings, 3) initiating a staff policy improving the turnaround time for council member requests for information and 4) creating a website that outlines all of our office’s initiatives and policies at: <http://www.fresno.gov/Government/CityCouncil/District2>.

District #2 Community Outreach: More than eighty residents attended my first District #2 meeting held in February at Bullard High School. I was energized by the turn-out and pleased with the dialogue that took place between City Staff and the residents I serve. As a follow-up to my campaign practices, I have met daily with district residents, elected officials and City Staff, done outreach through radio and television interviews, and have been pleased to issue proclamations and commendations to deserving individuals and organizations. Finally, I have made numerous appointments of citizens to various City boards and commissions, including the Implementation Committee, Youth Advisory Board, City Utilities Commission, Police Chief’s Advisory Board and others.

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Economic Security and Job Development

City of Fresno Economic Stimulus Committee: I was appointed by the Mayor to serve on the Economic Stimulus Committee, which helped create programs and policies to save jobs during these tough economic times. As a part of this committee, we expanded our *Local Preference Ordinance* to include small business, a step toward making our local businesses more competitive in securing contracts while keeping our tax dollars multiplying in our own economy. Finally, I recently traveled to Sacramento with other Valley leaders on the *One Voice* trip to meet with State officials to advocate for the interests of our City, County, and Central Valley.

Planning for Tomorrow, Today

Fresno County Transportation Authority: I was elected to serve on the Transportation Authority, the organization responsible for implementing Measure C programs. I am committed to ensuring that today's planning will meet the infrastructure needs of tomorrow.

Water Policies: California is facing one of the most severe drought years in its history. During my first 100 days, I have introduced policy to provide rebate programs for water conservation, sponsored events on water education, and promoted Fresno as a world leader in the field of water technology. I will continue to put forward sound water policies to protect our precious resources while enhancing our economic prospects.

100 Days and Beyond...

The beginning of my service as the District #2 representative on the City Council has been both challenging and exhilarating. I am pleased to report that progress is being made in many areas of need and that the foundation for future accomplishments is being laid with a long-range view of the "P.R.E.P." issues always at the forefront. I believe my collaborative efforts with the Mayor, fellow Council Members and City Staff will result in even more productive results for District #2 and all Fresno citizenry.

I want to thank my constituents, colleagues, and the residents of Fresno for the opportunity to serve on the City Council. Serving District #2 is truly an honor. With your support, we can continue to make Fresno an even better place to live, work and play.

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Warm regards,

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